

The Current Listing of Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method of providing pre-paid multi-party conference services, the method comprising the steps of:

[[initiating a conference call]] receiving a pin number from a first device;

determining if the pin number is a valid pin number;

if so,

receiving, at the second device, a first destination number [[from a]]
provided by the first device, where the first destination number corresponds to a
potential conferencee;

establishing a communication connection between the first device and the
destination number in response to receiving the first destination number;

receiving a first code from the first device in response to establishing a
communication connection between the first device and the destination number
[[specifying]]; and

determining whether the first code is a add code;

if so, [[whether to]] maintaining the communication connection
established between [[include]] the first destination number and the first device [[to
the conference; and

including the first destination number to the]] as a conference call [[based on the first code]]

otherwise, releasing the communication connection established between the first destination number and the first device.

2. (cancelled)

3. (cancelled)

4. (original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising providing a prompt requesting the first destination number.

5. (original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising receiving a second code from the first device specifying whether to initiate the addition of another destination number to the conference call.

6. (currently amended) The method according to claim 5 [[4]], further comprising receiving the other destination number from the first device and establishing a communication connection between the first device and the other destination number in response to receiving the first destination number.

7. (currently amended) The method according to claim 6, further comprising receiving the first code from the first device in response to establishing a communication connection between the first device and the other destination number [[specifying whether to include the other destination number to the conference]].

8. (currently amended) The method according to claim 7, further comprising determining whether the first code is a add code;

if so, maintaining the communication connection established between the other destination number and the first device as part of the conference call

otherwise, releasing the communication connection established between the other destination number and the first device

[[including the other destination number to the conference call based on the first code]].

9. (currently amended) A system for providing pre-paid multi-party conference services comprising::

A first system operable to:

[[initiating a conference call]] receiving a pin number from a first device;

determining if the pin number is a valid pin number;

if so, receiving, at the second device, a first destination number [[from a]]
provided by the first device, where the first destination number corresponds to a potential conferencee;

establishing a communication connection between the first device and the destination number in response to receiving the first destination number;

receiving a first code from the first device in response to establishing a communication connection between the first device and the destination number [[specifying]]; and

determining whether the first code is a add code;

if so, [[whether to]] maintaining the communication connection established between [[include]] the first destination number and the first device [[to the conference; and

including the first destination number to the]] as a conference call [[based on the first code]]

otherwise, releasing the communication connection established between the first destination number and the first device.

10. (cancelled)

11. (cancelled)

12. (original) The system according to claim 9, further comprising the system operable to provide a prompt requesting the first destination number.

13. (original) The system according to claim 1, further comprising the system operable to receive a second code from the first device specifying whether to initiate the addition of another destination number to the conference call.

14. (currently amended) The system according to claim 13, further comprising the system operable to receive the other destination number from the first device and establishing a communication connection between the first device and the other destination number in response to receiving the first destination number.

15. (currently amended) The system according to claim 14, further comprising the system operable to receive the first code from the first device in response to establishing a communication connection between the first device and the other destination number [[specifying whether to include the other destination number to the conference]].

16. (currently amended) The system according to claim 15, further comprising the system operable to determining whether the first code is a add code;

if so, maintaining the communication connection established between the other destination number and the first device as part of the conference call

otherwise, releasing the communication connection established between the other destination number and the first device [[include the other destination number to the conference call based on the first code]].

17. (original) The system according to claim 1, further comprising a network, coupled to the system, operable to transmit voice and data communication.

18. (original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the network is a PSTN.

19. (original) The system according to claim 1, further comprising at least two devices, coupled to the PSTN, operable to provide voice and data.